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SUBJECT: TAURUS RAILROAD CONFERENCE

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1. ACCORDING TO DATA OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE TAURUS EXPRESS CONVENTION WAS SIGNED IN 1948 BY SYRIA, TURKEY, IRAQ, AND LEBANON TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF RAILROAD TRACK BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES, FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION AND COORDINATE RAILWAY SCHEDULES FOR COMMON BENEFIT.

2. IN 1966 A NEW, UPDATED CONVENTION WAS SIGNED AND THE PRESENT NAME, TAURUS EXPRESS CONFERENCE, WAS ADOPTED. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION IS PARTY TO THE CIV, CIM, RIV, AND RIC

CONVENTIONS. UNTIL 1969, TEN CONFERENCES WERE HELD; IN 1970 ALEPPO, SYRIA HOSTED THE CONFERENCE AND IN 1972 IT WAS HELD IN BEIRUT.

3. THE MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE CONFERENCE COORDINATOR IS GIVEN AS TAURUS EXPRESS CONFERENCE, C/O THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, TURKISH STATE RAILWAYS, ANKARA, TURKEY. PERHAPS EMBASSY ANKARA COULD DEVELOP ADDITIONAL DATA THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION.

4. THE DOT HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING IN BAGHDAD, AND WOULD WELCOME A REPORT ON THE PARTICULARS. KISSINGER

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